

NM EQIP FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 70 Potential Points (25-50% of Total)

If using this method of evaluation use stocking rate based on MLRA, etc. OR stocking rate for irrigated lands. Do not use both.		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
Grazing Plan	Intensive Rotation			20		
	Seasonal Use			10		
	Continuous Use			0	0	0
Deferrment Period	>90% of Growing Season			25		
	51-90% of Growing Season			15		
	26-50% of Growing Season			5		
	0-25% of Growing Season			0		
Stocking Rate Based On: MLRA _____ SITE _____ SI: 26-50	>5.8 acres/aum			25		
	4.4 - 5.8 acres/aum			15		
	3.6 - 4.3 acres/aum			5		
	<3.6 acres/aum			0		
(Irr Lands) Stocking Rate Based on Soils Data & Ag Tech Note 41	>4.0 acres/aum			25		
	2.6 - 4.0 acres/aum			15		
	1.0 - 2.5 acxres/aum			5		
	<1.0 acres/aum			0		
1. Plants				Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 110 Potential Points (25-65% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion				
Livestock Pipeline (516) Pond (378) Trough (614) Sheet & Rill Erosion		10		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410) Classic Gully & Streambank Erosion		10		
Fence (382) Sheet & Rill Erosion		20		
Water Quality				
Grade Stabilization Structure (410) Surface Water Contaminants, Sediment		10		
Brush Management (314) Surface Water Contaminants, Sediment		10		
Fence (382) Surface Water Contaminants, Sediment		20		
Plants				
Brush Management (314) Condition, Productivity		10		
Air				
Range Planting (550) Airborne Dust		10		
Animals				
Riparian Forest Buffer (392) Tree & Shrub Establishemnt (612) Habitat Cover		10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection		Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 20 Potential Points (10-25% of Total)

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Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1_____ Section 2_____ Section 3_____ Total for Worksheet _____*

***A minimum of __40__ total points must be earned to be considered for contract selection.**

Designated Conservationist

Date

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